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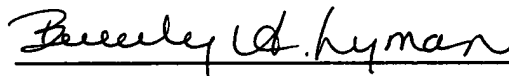
In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith which is imposed by Rule 56 (37 C.F.R. §1.56), the art listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is called to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are attached hereto. No representation is made that the cited art is the only art or that the cited art represents the best art.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited references and to make an independent decision with respect to their materiality.

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